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SUBJECT: (U) PRESIDENT ZIA-UL-HAQ ON AFGHANISTAN

1. IN ADDITION TO COMMENTING ON PAK-US RELATIONS  
IN HIS MARCH 27 MEETING WITH BRITISH JOURNALISTS IN TOWN  
FOR THE VISIT OF BRITISH FONSEC CARRINGTON (ISLAMABAD  
3985), PRESIDENT ZIA-UL-HAQ ALSO GAVE CONSIDERABLE  
ATTENTION TO THE AFGHANISTAN ISSUE. ACCORDING TO THE  
"PAKISTAN TIMES" COVERAGE OF HIS REMARKS, ZIA REAFFIRMED  
PAKISTAN'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO A POLITICAL SOLUTION  
AND INDICATED THAT PAKISTAN IS "NOT READY TO SERVE AS  
A CONDUIT FOR THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO THE AFGHAN  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS." ZIA STATED THAT THE GOP IS IN TOUCH  
WITH THE SOVIET UNION WITH REGARD TO A SOLUTION AND IS

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ALSO PURSUING THE MATTER THROUGH THE UN.

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2. ZIA ALSO CALLED UPON THE FREE WORLD TO CONTINUE EXERTING PRESSURE ON MOSCOW "TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY (THE SOVIETS) START FEELING THOSE PRESSURES." PAKISTAN, HE ADDED, MUST LEARN HOW TO LIVE WITH THE SOVIETS AS ITS NEIGHBOR BECAUSE "THIS IS A REALITY OF LIFE."

3. AS FOR PAKISTANI POLICY, ZIA REITERATED THE FOUR FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE AFGHAN SITUATION: (A) WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS; (B) RESTORATION OF AFGHANISTAN'S ISLAMIC AND NONALIGNED STATUS; (C) RETURN OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMELAND; AND (D) PROVISION FOR THE AFGHAN PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

4. ZIA ONCE AGAIN ASSERTED THAT PAKISTAN'S HELP TO THE AFGHAN REFUGEES IS PURELY HUMANITARIAN. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION HE ALSO DENIED THAT CHINA WAS PROVIDING ANY MILITARY AID TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. HE THOUGHT THE FREE WORLD COULD BE OF GREAT HELP TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IF THE SOVIET UNION CAN BE MADE TO REALIZE THE PRICE OF WHAT IT HAD DONE IN AFGHANISTAN. ZIA ADDED THAT HE IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE LEVEL OF WESTERN AID FOR THE REFUGEES BUT SAID HE IS ENCOURAGED THAT PEOPLE ARE NOW BEGINNING TO SEE THE TRUE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM.

5. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.  
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